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The following letter and attached resolution have been delivered in New York by Ambassador Stevenson, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, to Ambassador Valerian A. Zorin in the latter's capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of October.

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His Excellency Valerian A. Zorin
President of the Security Council
of the United Nations

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I have the honor to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to deal with the dangerous threat to the peace and security of the world caused by the secret establishment in Cuba by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of launching bases and the installation of long-range ballistic missiles capable of carrying thermonuclear warheads to most of North and South America.

The United States now has incontrovertible evidence that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been installing in Cuba a whole series of facilities for launching offensive nuclear missiles and other offensive weapons and installing the weapons themselves. These steps are far in excess of any conceivable defense requirements of Cuba. The Soviet action in establishing them signals an acceleration of the process by which the USSR has moved to snuff out the integrity and independence of the Cuban nation. The establishment of bases for nuclear missiles capable of raining thermonuclear destruction throughout most of the Western hemisphere constitutes a grave threat to the peace and security of this hemisphere and of the whole world.

The size of the Soviet undertaking in establishing missiles and other offensive weapons in Cuba makes clear that it was planned some months ago. Yet, throughout these months, the USSR has given repeated assurances, both in public and in private, that no offensive weapons were being delivered to Cuba.

On September 11, 1962, the Soviet Union said in an official statement that "The armaments and military equipment sent to Cuba are designed exclusively for defensive purposes . . . there is no need for the Soviet Union to shift its weapons for the repulsion of aggression, for a retaliatory blow, to any other country, for instance Cuba . . . the Soviet Union has so powerful rockets to carry these

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Upon satisfying itself as to the deliberately provocative steps which have in fact been taken, the United States Government has commenced a series of measures designed to halt this offensive build-up.

The United States has called for a meeting of the Organ of Consultation to invoke Articles 6 and 8 of the Rio Treaty.

In order to give effect to the determination of the countries of the Western hemisphere which they have recently reaffirmed to safeguard and defend the peace and security of the region against external interference and aggression, the United States is initiating a strict quarantine of Cuba to interdict the carriage of offensive weapons to that country.

In accordance with its obligations under the United Nations Charter, the United States now brings before the Security Council the fact of nuclear missiles and other offensive weapons in Cuba, and proposes the prompt and effective discharge of the Council's responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security.

What is at stake is the peace and security both of a single region and of the whole world. The developments of modern science and technology have created capacities for catastrophic destruction. The diffusion of these capacities through the Soviet actions in Cuba can only be regarded as the gravest kind of threat to the peace.

It should be the purpose of Security Council action to bring about the immediate dismantling and withdrawal of the Soviet missiles and other offensive weapons in Cuba, under the supervision of United Nations observers, to make it possible to lift the quarantine which is being put into effect. As part of this process, we are willing to confer with the Soviet Union on measures to remove the existing threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere and the peace of the world.

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Adlai E. Stevenson

DRAFT RESOLUTION

"THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Having considered the serious threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere and the peace of the world caused by the continuance and acceleration of foreign intervention in the Caribbean,

Noting with concern that nuclear missiles and other offensive weapons have been secretly introduced into Cuba,

Noting also that as a consequence a quarantine is being imposed around the country;

Gravely concerned that further continuance of the Cuban situation may lead to direct conflict,

1. Calls as a provisional measure under Article 40 for the immediate dismantling and withdrawal from Cuba of all missiles and other offensive weapons;

2. Authorizes and requests the Acting Secretary General to despatch to Cuba a United Nations observer corps to assure and report on compliance with this resolution;

3. Calls for termination of the measures of quarantine directed against military shipments to Cuba upon UN certification of compliance with Paragraph 1;

4. Urgently recommends that the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics confer promptly on measures to remove the existing threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere and the peace of the world, and report thereon to the Security Council."

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